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Brief Summary of Selected Substantive Portions of this Response

[0001] Independent claims 1 and 15 have been amended to clarify that the application development tier console is located remotely from the application operation tier console. Independent claim 73 has not been amended as the cited art fails to teach a fourth tier corresponding to the owner or lessee, wherein the owner or lessee operates in the fourth tier except when revoking rights of the hardware operator or software operator.

[0002] This brief summary is not intended to represent the Applicant's full response to the Action. Rather, it is merely a brief summary of selected substantive portions of the response herein.